

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

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--In Figures 1 through 3, in addition to the already introduced reference numerals, 8 designates an electronically codable recognition device; P designates an arrow direction corresponding to the insertion/extraction direction of smart card 36; 50 designates a first optical position sensor; 52 designates a second optical position sensor; 54a and 54b designate flat springs; 60 designates a first locking pin; 61 designates a first locking pin spring; 62 designates a second locking pin; 63 designates a second locking pin spring; 70 designates a switching contact having a switching contact pin 70a; 80 and 82 designate spring devices; and 90 and 92 designate stops.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 18, with the following replacement paragraph:

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--In its recognition device 8, the driving authorization system for motor vehicles according to this exemplary embodiment has a receiving device 10, which forms a receiving region 14, in which enabling device 36 in the form of the smart card can be forced in a releasable and lockable manner through slit 20 into a position I and into a position II.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17, with the following replacement paragraph:

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--An electronic component (not shown) of the actuating device provided in receiving region 14 triggers an ignition-lock function corresponding to the particular position I, II, or III as well as a special communication between enabling device 36 and the recognition device 8 in position I.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

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--According to Figure 1, enabling device 36 is first inserted into locking position I to activate the ignition-neutral-function, the identification taking place at the same time, and a vehicle-specific device, e.g. an electronic control unit for controlling the

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internal combustion engine of the vehicle and/or the power supply, being capable of being enabled in response to enabling device 36 being recognized by the recognition device 8. In response to a successful identification, the radio power supply or the like can be enabled as usual in this position, for example.--.
